



## RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU FROM KAHALUU TO SUNSET BEACH DUE TO DAMAGE TO THE ROADWAY AND BRIDGES CAUSED BY SEVERE COASTAL EROSION.

WHEREAS, coastal erosion is a serious threat to Oahu's infrastructure, environmental resources, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 *Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report* (the "Report"), mandated by the Hawaii State Legislature pursuant to Act 83, Session Laws of Hawaii ("SLH") 2014, and Act 32, SLH 2017, found that up to 3.2 feet of global sea level rise could occur as early as 2060, causing Hawaii to be increasingly vulnerable to the effects of coastal flooding and erosion; and

WHEREAS, the Report states that Kamehameha Highway on Oahu is one of the most vulnerable coastal highways in Hawaii due to its susceptibility to coastal erosion impacts; and

WHEREAS, recent media reports indicate that erosion and coastal inundation have impacted Kamehameha Highway at various locations, including Kaaawa, Hauula, Laniakea Beach, Sunset Beach, Waikane; and

WHEREAS, since Kamehameha Highway is the principal roadway providing ground transportation access to many of Oahu's rural and suburban communities, closing a section of Kamehameha Highway due to coastal erosion impacts results in the loss of commerce, loss of access to emergency services, and increased traffic on other roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, the damage, losses, and suffering potentially attributable to continued coastal erosion and ensuing closures of Kamehameha Highway are of such nature as to warrant preemptive and rehabilitative assistance from the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Revised Statutes Sections 127A-14 and 127A-16 authorize the Governor of the State of Hawaii to declare a state of emergency by proclamation if the Governor finds that an emergency or disaster has occurred or that there is imminent danger or threat of an emergency or disaster in any portion of the State and authorize the expenditure of funds therefor; and



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WHEREAS, prompt, expeditious action is necessary to deal with preemptive, emergency, and restorative roadway repairs and improvements to Kamehameha Highway to assure public health and safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Governor of the State of Hawaii is requested to proclaim a state of emergency for Kamehameha Highway on the island of Oahu from Kahaluu to Sunset Beach due to damage to roadways and bridges caused by severe coastal erosion; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor, and the Managing Director.

INTRODUCED BY:

Heidi Tsunoyoshi

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Councilmembers